

Sabbath School Extension and Publication

WHAT WILL YOU DO ABOUT IT?

Should there go out an appeal to the membership of the Southern Presbyterian Church for a fund to provide bread for 2,500,000 white children in the South who were suffering for lack of food, the response would be prompt, generous and in keeping with the ability of the Church. The Publication Committee is charged with the duty of presenting a call which should be more emphatic in its appeal to the sympathy

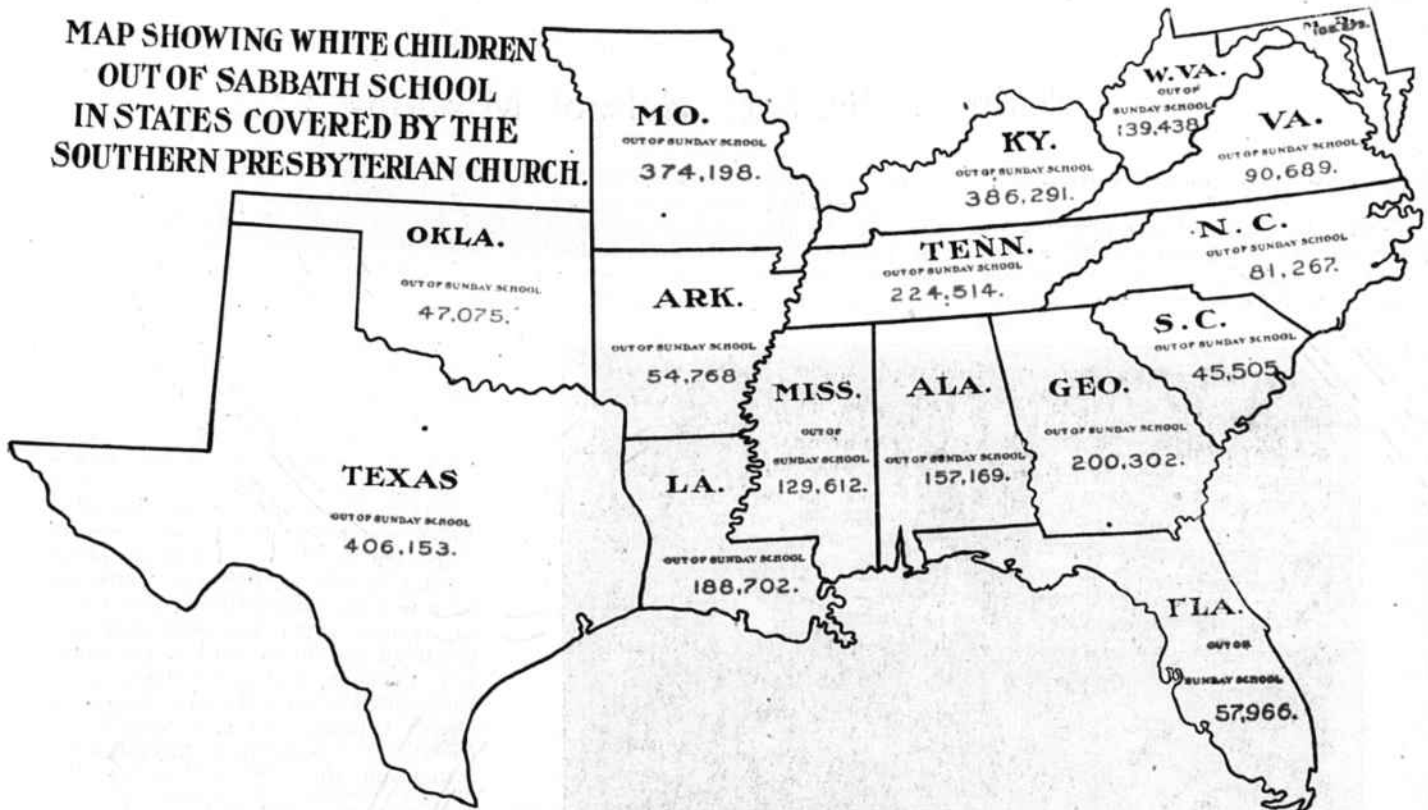
to enlarge the extent and increase the fruitfulness of our Sabbath school work.

The enrollment in our schools has increased from 170,000 in 1902 to 224,767 in 1908. Last year the Publication Committee aided two hundred and ninety-six schools in conducting their work. One hundred and fifty-three of these schools were organized during the year, or an average of nearly three per week. Over 13,000 children are

EVERY STATE INVOLVED.

To emphasize the need for vigorous and effective work at our very door we present herewith a map, on which is shown the number of white young people out of the Sunday school in the territory covered by our Church. The map tells the story as effectively as figures can present startling moral and religious conditions, but no words can depict the

MAP SHOWING WHITE CHILDREN
OUT OF SABBATH SCHOOL
IN STATES COVERED BY THE
SOUTHERN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.



MAP OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, SOUTH.

and generosity of the Church than would be a call for a charity fund.

A COMPELLING APPEAL.

We appeal for the means needed to give the Bread of Life to our share of the 2,500,000 white children in the South who are out of the Sabbath School and almost totally destitute of religious privileges and instruction. These destitute children are found in our great cities, in the mountain regions, in our factory and mining towns, in the rural districts, and in the rapidly growing Southwest, and they meet with eager interest the messengers who bring them the Word of Life.

OUR SHARE IN THE WORK.

Every evangelical Church in the South is giving its best thought and energy to this problem, and no department of religious activity yields such immediate and encouraging results. Our Church has not been idle, and the manifest blessing of God has attended our efforts

enrolled in these schools, which are dependent in whole or in part upon the Publication Committee for their existence. The distribution of the schools aided last year is shown by the following table:

Alabama	16
Arkansas	17
Florida	7
Georgia	14
Kentucky	27
Louisiana	11
Mississippi	10
Missouri	13
North Carolina	40
South Carolina	18
Tennessee	14
Texas	51
Virginia	58

Total 296

While we thank God and take courage for what has been done, we have but touched the fringe of the great field lying open before us.

consequences to the moral and material interests of our country if these young people are permitted to grow up without being touched by the power of the Gospel.

FRUITFULNESS OF THE WORK.

In every state in the South can be found hundreds of vigorous, self-supporting churches which had their origin in a mission Sabbath school which was supported through its initial period by the Church at large. These churches are not only self-supporting, but they are now generous contributors to all the benevolent causes of the Church. One instance will illustrate this point: Less than five years ago the committee aided in establishing and conducting a mission Sabbath school in a Western city. Out of that school has grown a vigorous church, which now occupies a building costing over \$25,000. They carry their own work, contribute liberally to all the Assembly's causes and support a missionary in the foreign field.

This pioneer work is absolutely neces-